

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***March 5, 2024***

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Jim Clapham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tammy Allen gave the blessing. We had 16 members in attendance and 5 guests, Richard Smith, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, James Norris, Tori Norris, and Jamie Norris.

Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined President Cheryl, Wanda Ellis, and herself for a Seedling Garden Club picture in the newspaper and Dess Smith for leaving early and NOT getting into the picture. She fined Dess for two other SAR pictures in the newspaper.

Bobbie Daughtry gave a Good News \$1 for her Grandson's Middle School Soccer team winning two straight games.

Deana Patrick, Paul Cerpovicz, and Tammy Allen reported on the Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Franklin Memorial Library on February 26. Deana reported 62 children were present and Dr. Seuss stories were read to them by adults and members of the EGSC Book Club. Paul reported EGSC Circle K members and a member of the EGSC Bee Club made Oobleck (from *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss) with the children. Tammy reported the children received refreshments, including 1-fish cupcakes, 2-fish cupcakes, and popcorn. They also won prizes by playing Dr. Seuss Bingo.

Tim Goodman reminded us that Mid-Winter Training is March 16th in Macon at Middle Georgia State University. The registration fee is \$45 per person. The club will pay the registration fee. Let President Cheryl know if you wish to go.

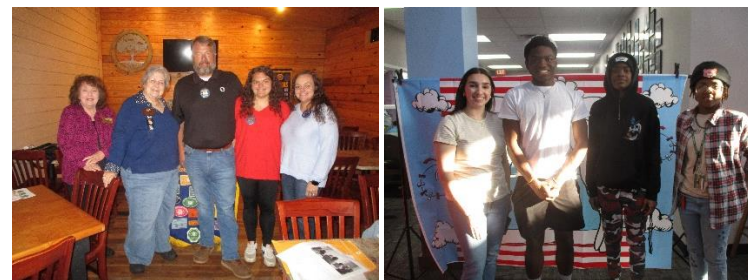
Tim reminded everyone to **SELL, SELL, SELL** those 2024 Tabloid Ads. The deadline for selling ads is March 27, but we can turn in sales before then. Call Tim if you wish to turn in your ads.

The Brooklet Kiwanis Club is holding its 75th Anniversary Celebration on March 19 in Statesboro. Let President Cheryl know by March 12 if you wish to attend. The club will pay the \$15 cost of the meal.

Deana Patrick reported the club will assist with the Franklin Memorial Library's Walk-In-The Park on March 22 and the Library's Easter Egg Hunt on March 29. BTW, Daylight Savings

Time begins on March 10 and St. Patrick's Day is on March 17. Jeff Palmer reported on the month-long St. Patrick's events in Dublin.

The program for the evening was hosted by Bobbi Daughtry. She introduced James Norris, a Georgia Master Forester and a Forest Resources Manager for Battle Lumber Company. Started in 1962 in Wadley, GA with 8 employees, Battle currently has over 600 employees, with 143 from Emanuel County. James showed us a video of the heavy logging and harvesting equipment they use for hardwood and pine harvesting. Included was an aerial view of the Battle operation. Producing mainly pallets, crossties, crane mats, and grade lumber, they now have a Grade Mill, a Timber Mill, a Pallet Shop, and a Dry Kiln on the 462-acre site in Wadley. They also have a sales office in China and export to 19 countries. Since their start with a sawmill, they now have four sawmill on site and have developed a Timber Harvesting Division, with 15 logging crews, and a fleet of 65 trucks in the Battle Logistics Division.



The cake, donated by Travis Garrett, was won by Tim Goodman. Wanda Ellis won the Domino's pizza and President Cheryl and Deana Patrick won a jar of pepper jelly and a bottle of pepper dressing.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- March 16 - Mid-Winter Training – MGSU – Macon
- March 19 - Regular Meeting - Program - Paul Cerpovicz, Cake - Jim Clapham
- March 19 - Board Meeting
- March 27 - Tabloid Ads Due – **SELL, SELL, SELL**
- April 2 - Regular Meeting – Program – David Gribbin, Cake – Bobby Seamans

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